

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 497

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Oak Ridge High School Science Bowl team upon winning third place honors in the annual Department of Energy Science Bowl.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize those outstanding and gifted students of our State who bring honor to Tennessee as members of academic teams and who act as ambassadors for our State through successful academic competition; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Oak Ridge High School Science Bowl team are especially deserving of acclaim, having recently captured third place honors at the annual Department of Energy Science Bowl; and

WHEREAS, the competition, held April 30 through May 5, 2009, in Washington, D.C., is the nation's largest academic competition of its kind and the only one sponsored by a federal agency; and

WHEREAS, for their best finish in the event since 1992, the team received a trophy, \$1,500 for the school's science club, and top-of-the line calculators for each member; and

WHEREAS, coached by Dr. Nita Ganguly, head of the Oak Ridge High School science department, the members of the Science Bowl team are Alborz Bejnood, Leon Zhang, Rowan Chakoumakos, Ryan Liu, and Katherine Xue; and

WHEREAS, Oak Ridge bested fifty-one other squads in state competition in February and matched wits against 66 teams nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the noteworthy achievement of the Oak Ridge High School Science Bowl team is a tremendous source of pride for the Oak Ridge community and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Science Bowl team members' dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the members of the Oak Ridge High School Science Bowl team on their recent third place finish at the annual Department of Energy Science Bowl and extend to them our warmest wishes for continued success in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.